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Dear County Board Members:

Our county continues to see the negative and often devastating effect that Heroin has had on our citizens. We continue to see an increase in arrests for possession and delivery of Heroin and other dangerous opiates, as well as Heroin overdoses, some leading to death. Our office has seen a direct correlation between increased heroin abuse leading to the commission of criminal offenses in our communities. Increasingly, police reports relating to a large number of burglaries, thefts, drugged driving offenses and even bank robberies have a concerning common link – they are motivated by heroin addicts' need to get their next fix. This problem affects all of us, and we must have a collaborative, community-wide response. To that end, we have formed the Jefferson County Heroin Task Force, consisting of members from law enforcement, Human Services, Department of Corrections, educators, treatment providers and other community leaders. We are working together to help educate parents, teachers and our youth about the availability and lethality of opiates. Additionally, we are working on applying for a Drug Free Communities Grant, which would focus on youth substance abuse in our communities.

As we discussed at the February board meeting, we are extremely excited by the recent grant we received to start the Jefferson County Alcohol Treatment Court. This too was part of collaborative process, which will hold OWI offenders accountable, but also give them additional supervision in the community that will reduce the likelihood that they will reoffend.

As always, I will continue to work with legislators, law enforcement, County Board members and citizens to make Jefferson County a better, safer place to live. It remains an honor to serve as your District Attorney, and I look forward to continuing to work together with all of you in 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan Happ".

Susan Happ
Jefferson County District Attorney

**2013 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



SUMMARY

The office of the District Attorney is created under Chapter 978 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The department represents the people of the State of Wisconsin and County of Jefferson in the courts. The District Attorney and Assistant District Attorneys prosecute state criminal matters, forfeiture actions, state and county traffic code and ordinance violations, Department of Natural Resources violations and juvenile cases. The District Attorney also provides education to law enforcement through yearly inservice training.

The District Attorney oversees the First Offender Program, which diverts defendants out of the formal court process. The First Offender Program Director meets with individual offenders and develops a personalized contract. The length and conditions of the contract depend on the nature and seriousness of the offense, his or her adjustment, treatment needs and need for supervision. The First Offender Program Director then monitors the offender to assure that he or she is following through on their contract conditions.

The District Attorney also operates the Victim/Witness Program which provides statutory and constitutionally mandated support to victims and witnesses of crime. The primary purpose of the Victim/Witness program is to provide information, referral and support to citizens and law enforcement officers who have been victims or witnesses to crimes, and to ensure that the services mandated under Chapter 950, Wisconsin Statutes, are made available to them.

The District Attorney's office consists of 1 District Attorney and 4.2 Assistant District Attorneys who are state employees. County employees include the Office Manager, Justice Information Sharing Coordinator, 6.5 Legal Secretaries, Victim/Witness Coordinator, .5 Victim/Witness Secretary, Paralegal and First Offender Program Director.

REFERRALS

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Felonies	534	633	654
Misdemeanors	869	971	795
Delinquencies	271	270	327
JIPS (Juvenile In Need of Protection or Services)	42	31	47
CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection or Services)	392	255	244
Juvenile FO's (Immunizations)	2	0	1
Juvenile Guardianships	0	4	10
Juvenile TPR (Termination of Parent Rights)			3
Criminal Traffic	465	519	453

FILINGS

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Felonies	399	464	521
Misdemeanors	611	630	595
Criminal Traffic	469	496	433
Forfeiture Traffic	461	512	432
Other Forfeitures	89	63	79
Civil	5	16	13
Delinquencies & JIPS	102	86	130
CHIPS	83	75	45
Juvenile Forfeitures	3	0	1
Juvenile Guardianships	0	2	11
Juvenile TPR's	0	0	3

Domestic Referrals

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Misdemeanor and Felony	425	430	391

Criminal OWI Referrals

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Misdemeanor OWI (criminal traffic)	161	163	139
Felony OWI	46	33	43

Drug Referrals

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Misdemeanor and Felony	139	222	239

HOMICIDES

	<u>2013</u>
Drug related	1
OWI related	2
Cold case	1

FIRST OFFENDER PROGRAM

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Persons Accepted in 2013*	104	116	132
Persons in program as of end of year**	113	234	131
Persons who completed program***	82	94	87
Fees collected	\$40,451.73	\$37,261.00	\$40,414.31

*This number is only those participants who were new to the program in 2013.

**This number includes all participants who have not completed the program at the end of 2013 regardless of year accepted.

***These participants may have been accepted into the program in year other than 2013.

VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
All Contacts	2552	3,600	2722
Witness Cancellations	1720	1,701	1293
Officer Cancellations	2016	2,252	2114

Officer and witness cancellations result in less overtime paid by departments and witness fees paid by the county.